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September 2, 2005

The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson:

Thank you for your proactive steps in assisting states by providing temporary relief in dealing with potential fuel emergencies and the actions outlined in your letter to me on August 31st. As we work through this extraordinary natural disaster where refineries and pipelines have been damaged, we want to do everything possible to minimize any potential supply disruptions while simultaneously protecting air quality in Connecticut. In light of these circumstances, I am writing to request that EPA allow a temporary waiver to the requirement to supply federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) in Connecticut as may be necessary to alleviate potential product shortages.

Although we feel that the environmental protections that these regulations afford are important and remain essential, a temporary waiver would be limited in scope to ensure that product is available. This temporary waiver would be enacted only if necessary and after a determination that all available compliant fuel stocks have been depleted. We remain committed to a return to all RFG requirements once this crisis passes.

Thank you for your assistance and response to this emergency situation, and I would appreciate your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


M. Jodi Rell
Governor